

U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Journal Call for Papers

Special Issue on “Spiritual Readiness”

Spirituality is now seen as a vital component of Soldier well-being. The U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps recently published doctrine on the significance of spirituality and related constructs in [Army FM 7-22](#), especially Chapter 10 on “Spiritual Readiness,” and Department of the Army [Pamphlet 165-19](#), “Moral Leadership.”

Spirituality brings light especially in times of crisis. The United States of America and its Army face a number of significant challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, racial tensions, economic distress, gender-based violence, and extreme political discord. The U.S. Army and U.S. Army Chaplain Corps publically addressed the importance of spiritual readiness and its crucial role in turbulent times through the publication of [The Chaplain Corps Message on Civil Unrest and How We Must Treat Each Other](#) and the [Report of the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee](#).

By engaging with the topic of “Spiritual Readiness,” the *Journal* seeks to respond to upheavals in our time within the context of the mission of the Chaplain Corps, working to understand the nature of those upheavals, and continuing to chart a way forward for engaging with the spiritual needs of Soldiers in a pluralistic, diverse environment. The *U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Journal* therefore welcomes research articles for a special issue on “Spiritual Readiness.” In that issue, we aim to foster discussion around the positive impacts spirituality, faith, and religion can have on the movements for diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice, to promote the health and well-being of all Soldiers, their Family members, and Army Civilians, and all those who care for their souls.

Possible topics include:

- Reflection on how Spiritual/Religious practice support a “Life Worth Living” and “People First” Army strategies
- How Chaplain Corps Spiritual Leadership should support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Army
- Chaplain/Soldier Spirituality as an influence for Ethical Advisement and Cultural Transformation
- Practical and theoretical approaches to how Spirituality leads to a “Life Worth Living”
- Interdisciplinary approaches to “Spiritual Readiness” and deficits in “Spiritual Readiness”
- The role of the Chaplain and Religious Affairs Specialist in Spiritual Care and Counseling
- The relationship between “Spiritual Readiness” and “Moral Leadership”

For more information about the *Journal*, its submission process, and Style Guidelines visit:

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